

**534.214 Investment in and by banks.**

1. *Investment in banks.* A holding company, association, or service corporation may invest in the capital stock, obligations, or other securities of a bank with the prior approval of the superintendent of savings and loan associations.

2. *Investment by banks.* Notwithstanding sections 524.802 and 524.901, subsection 3, a bank holding company, bank, or bank service corporation may, with the prior approval of the superintendent of banking, invest in the capital stock, obligations or other securities of a state association.

3. *Contingencies.* An association or service corporation may make an investment under subsection 1 only if at the time of the investment either an insured bank or a bank service corporation owned by one or more insured banks would be permitted to make an investment under substantially the same circumstances in an insured state association under all applicable laws and regulations of the United States. A bank or bank service corporation may make an investment under subsection 2 only if at the time of the investment either an insured state association or a service corporation owned by one or more insured associations would be permitted to make an investment under substantially the same circumstances in an insured bank under all applicable laws and regulations of the United States. The ability of an organization to merge with another organization is not relevant in determining whether an organization is permitted to invest in another organization.

4. *Bank as holding company.* No bank shall directly or indirectly acquire ownership or control of more than twenty-five percent of the voting shares of any savings and loan association, or the power to control in any manner the election of a majority of the directors of any savings and loan association, if upon such acquisition the associations so owned or controlled by the bank would have, in the aggregate, more than eight percent of the total deposits, both time and demand, of all associations in this state, as determined by the superintendent of banking on the basis of the most recent reports of the associations in the state to their supervisory authorities which are available at the time of the acquisition.

5. *Definitions.* For purposes of this section an “insured bank” is a bank whose deposits are insured in part by the bank insurance fund of the federal deposit insurance corporation; a “bank service corporation” is as defined by, and in accordance with, the laws of the United States, and the “superintendent of banking” is the person appointed pursuant to section 524.201.

6. *Findings required.* The superintendent of savings and loan associations shall not grant an approval under subsection 1, and the superintendent of banking shall not grant an approval under subsection 2 except after making one of the two following findings:

a. Based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented, the proposed investment will not have the immediate effect of significantly reducing competition between depository financial institutions located in the same community as the institution whose shares would be acquired.

b. Based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented, the proposed investment would have the anticompetitive effect specified in paragraph “a” of this subsection, but that other factors, to be specifically cited, outweigh the anticompetitive effect so that there would be a net public benefit as a result of the investment.

7. *Competition preserved.* The subsequent liquidation of a bank or state association whose shares are acquired under this section shall not prevent the subsequent incorporation of another bank in the same community, and the superintendent of banking shall not find the liquidation to be grounds for disapproving the incorporation of another bank in the same community under section 524.305, and shall not prevent the subsequent incorporation of another association in the same community, and the superintendent of savings and loan associations shall not find the liquidation to be grounds for disapproving the incorporation of another association in the same community under this chapter.

[82 Acts, ch 1253, §27]

C83, §534.83

83 Acts, ch 101, §111

C85, §534.214

91 Acts, ch 92, §10; 2001 Acts, ch 4, §9, 11